## United States Senate

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April 21, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx Secretary United States Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana – Parish of East Baton Rouge, which has submitted a proposal to the U.S. Department of Transportation for funding under the FY 2014 U.S. Department of Transportation TIGER discretionary grant program. It is my pleasure to support the City-Parish's efforts to develop a Nicholson Corridor High Capacity Transit System Plan will link many newly announced economic developments along Nicholson Drive to Louisiana State University and the State Capitol.

Within a one-fourth mile of the proposed high capacity transit route, there are more than six proposed construction projects projected to bring an estimated 2 million square feet of commercial buildings, thousands of new jobs and 3,200 new, multi-family housing units to the area. This surge of development along the stretch of the corridor is anticipated to create a strain on the existing transportation network. Solutions are needed to accommodate this growth including issues with constrained road space and limited parking options, and to provide new, comfortable transportation options without adding vehicles to the road. The City-Parish's proposal for the Nicholson Corridor High Capacity Transit System Plan will play an integral role in planning for safe and convenient transportation options for all residents who will work, live or wish to visit one of the many amenities proposed along the corridor.

I believe you will find the City-Parish's application for TIGER funds to be exemplary in every way, and I would appreciate every appropriate consideration, within the applicable guidelines, of its application during the review. I respectfully request any additional information you can provide on this matter and look forward to hearing from you about the final decision.

Thanking you in advance for your careful review and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

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United States Senator

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